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HOUSE BILL 695

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PAROLE BOARD; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS
OF THE PAROLE BOARD FROM NINE TO FIFTEEN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 31-21-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,
Chapter 194, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"31-21-24. PAROLE BOARD--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--TERMS--
QUALIFICATIONS--COMPENSATION--ORGANIZATION.--

A. ~~[There is created]~~ The "parole board" is
created, consisting of ~~[nine]~~ fifteen members appointed by the
governor with the consent of the senate.

B. The terms of the members of the parole board
shall be six years. To provide for staggered terms, ~~[three of~~
~~the initially appointed members, including the chairman, shall~~
~~be appointed for terms of six years, three members for terms of~~

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1 ~~four years and three members for terms of two years.~~

2 ~~Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for six year terms]~~

3 five members shall be appointed every two years. Members serve
4 until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

5 C. Members of the parole board may be removed by
6 the governor as provided in Article 5, Section 5 of the
7 constitution of New Mexico. Vacancies shall be filled by
8 appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired
9 term.

10 D. Members of the parole board shall be persons
11 qualified by such academic training or professional experience
12 as is deemed necessary to render them fit to serve as members
13 of the board. No member of the board shall be an official or
14 employee of any other federal, state or local government
15 entity.

16 E. Members of the parole board shall receive per
17 diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers in
18 the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other
19 compensation, perquisite or allowance.

20 F. The governor shall designate one member of the
21 parole board to serve as [~~chairman~~] chair, who in addition to
22 other duties shall coordinate with the corrections department
23 in the furnishing of services pursuant to Section 9-3-11 NMSA
24 1978.

25 G. A parole may be granted, denied or revoked by a

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1 quorum of two on a panel consisting of three parole board
2 members appointed on a rotating basis by the [~~chairman~~] chair
3 of the board."

4 Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION.--

5 A. Members of the parole board serving on July 1,
6 2005 may continue to serve until their terms expire and their
7 successors have been appointed and qualified.

8 B. Of the six additional members of the parole
9 board to be appointed pursuant to the provisions of this act,
10 two shall serve an initial term of two years, two shall serve
11 an initial term of four years and two shall serve an initial
12 term of six years. Thereafter, all members shall serve six-
13 year staggered terms.

14 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.

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